

Remarks

The Examiner rejected claims 47, 59-61, 63-65, 72, 73 and 74 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), based on U.S. Patent No. 5,224,546. Claims 69-71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 3,958,638, issued to Johnston. However, the Examiner indicated that claim 67 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response, claim 47 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 67, while claim 67 has been cancelled. Claims 72-74 have also been cancelled. In view of these amendments, we submit that claims 27, 59-62, 63-65 and 69-71 are now allowable.

Withdrawn claim 68 depends from claim 47, and includes all of its limitations. Inasmuch as claim 47 is now allowable, we submit that this withdrawn claim should be returned to examination and allowed. Withdrawn claim 66 has been cancelled.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Examiner's Action mailed November 1, 2007.

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